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**WALKER PRAISES COUNTY EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY SERVING IN MILITARY
Walker Offended By Kerry Comments**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker recognized the eleven employees who are currently deployed through the Armed Forces and forcefully defended them against comments made by US Senator John Kerry. His acknowledgement came as he announced details at the Milwaukee County War Memorial on the county Mobile Benefits Issuance Vehicle being on site for the Veterans' Day Parade.

"Our employees who are in Iraq are some of the best and brightest," said Walker, "I am offended by Senator Kerry's remarks and want him and others to know about the quality of our people who are deployed."

Currently, eleven Milwaukee County employees are deployed with the Armed Forces. Of the eleven, eight are Sheriff's Deputies or Correctional Officers, one is a nurse in the Sheriff's Department, one is an Information Technology (IT) specialist and one is a department head for Veterans' Services.

"These employees - and others like them - receive valuable training through the National Guard and Reserves that is of great value, not only in their military duties, but in their work with Milwaukee County," said Walker, "These are some of the smartest people we have in the county and we're proud that they are serving their country."

Earlier this week, Kerry made the following statement: "You know education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework, and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don't you get stuck in Iraq."

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